University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine Center for Patients with Special Needs
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Program Overview

The Center for Patients with Special Needs at the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine was officially established in 2008. A primary objective of the Center is to provide comprehensive dental care for adult patients with special needs, including physical, intellectual, developmental, sensory, and complex medical conditions. Dental students, residents, and dentists in the community are trained in best practices for patients with special needs. The program also aims to give individuals with disabilities a continuous relationship with the same dental practice. Services include cleanings, x-rays, fillings, root canals, oral surgery, and provider education. The center treats individuals of all ages.

Program Contact Information

Program Website: http://www.dental.pitt.edu/patients/center-patients-special-needs
### Program Features

#### Age
- ☒ 0-17 (Children and Youth)
- ☒ 18-60 (Adult)
- ☒ 60+ (Older Adult)

#### Specific Populations
- ☐ Homeless individuals
- ☒ Individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities
- ☒ Individuals with physical disabilities
- ☒ Individuals with specific or complex medical conditions
- ☐ Individuals with low income
- ☐ Individuals with no dental insurance
- ☐ Individuals with Medicaid
- ☐ Veterans
- ☐ Refugees/immigrants

#### Geography
- ☐ Rural
- ☒ Urban

#### Service Delivery Setting
- ☐ Hospital
- ☒ Dental school
- ☐ Community/safety net clinic
- ☐ Private dental office
- ☐ Long-term care facility
- ☐ Senior center/community center
- ☐ Private residence
- ☐ Fairgrounds/stadium/parking lot
- ☐ Church
- ☐ School
- ☐ Homeless shelter
- ☐ Public housing

#### Service Delivery Model
- ☒ Dental clinic model (e.g. permanent setting)
- ☐ Mobile-portable model
- ☐ Eligibility and enrollment model (e.g. referrals, care coordination)
- ☐ Virtual model (e.g. telehealth)
- ☐ Event-based model
- ☒ Outreach and education model

#### Staffing
- ☒ Dentist
- ☐ Dental hygienist
- ☐ Dental therapist
- ☒ Dental assistant
- ☒ Dental/dental hygiene students
- ☐ Nursing staff
- ☐ Community health workers
- ☒ Non-dental clinical staff
- ☒ Non-clinical staff

#### Payment for Care
- ☐ Medicaid
- ☐ No charge to client
- ☐ Sliding fee scale
- ☐ Out of pocket
- ☐ Commercial dental insurance

#### Dental and Oral Health Services
- ☒ Emergency services
- ☒ Basic services
- ☐ Screenings
- ☒ Cleanings
- ☒ Fluoride varnish
- ☐ Sealants
- ☒ X-rays
- ☒ Comprehensive services
  - ☒ Fillings
  - ☐ Scaling/root planing
  - ☐ Extractions
  - ☒ Oral surgery
  - ☒ Root canals
  - ☐ Dentures, partials, relines, repairs
  - ☐ Crowns
  - ☒ Bridges
  - ☐ Orthodontics

#### Program Funding
- ☐ Foundation/organization grant
- ☒ Public funding (e.g. local, state, federal)
- ☐ Private donations (e.g. individuals, businesses)

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### Other Program Services
- ☐ Referrals to dental and oral health services
- ☐ Care coordination/care management
- ☐ Patient education
- ☐ Caregiver education
- ☒ Provider education
- ☐ Advocacy/coalition

### Integration with Services
- ☒ Medical services
- ☒ Behavioral health services
- ☐ Vision services
- ☒ Pharmacy services
- ☐ Transportation services
- ☐ Translation services
- ☐ Nutrition services

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